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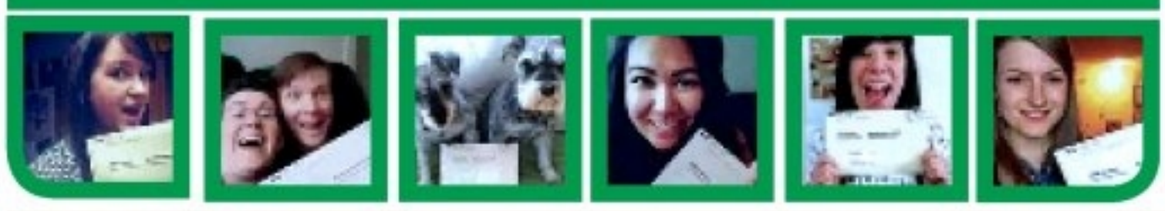

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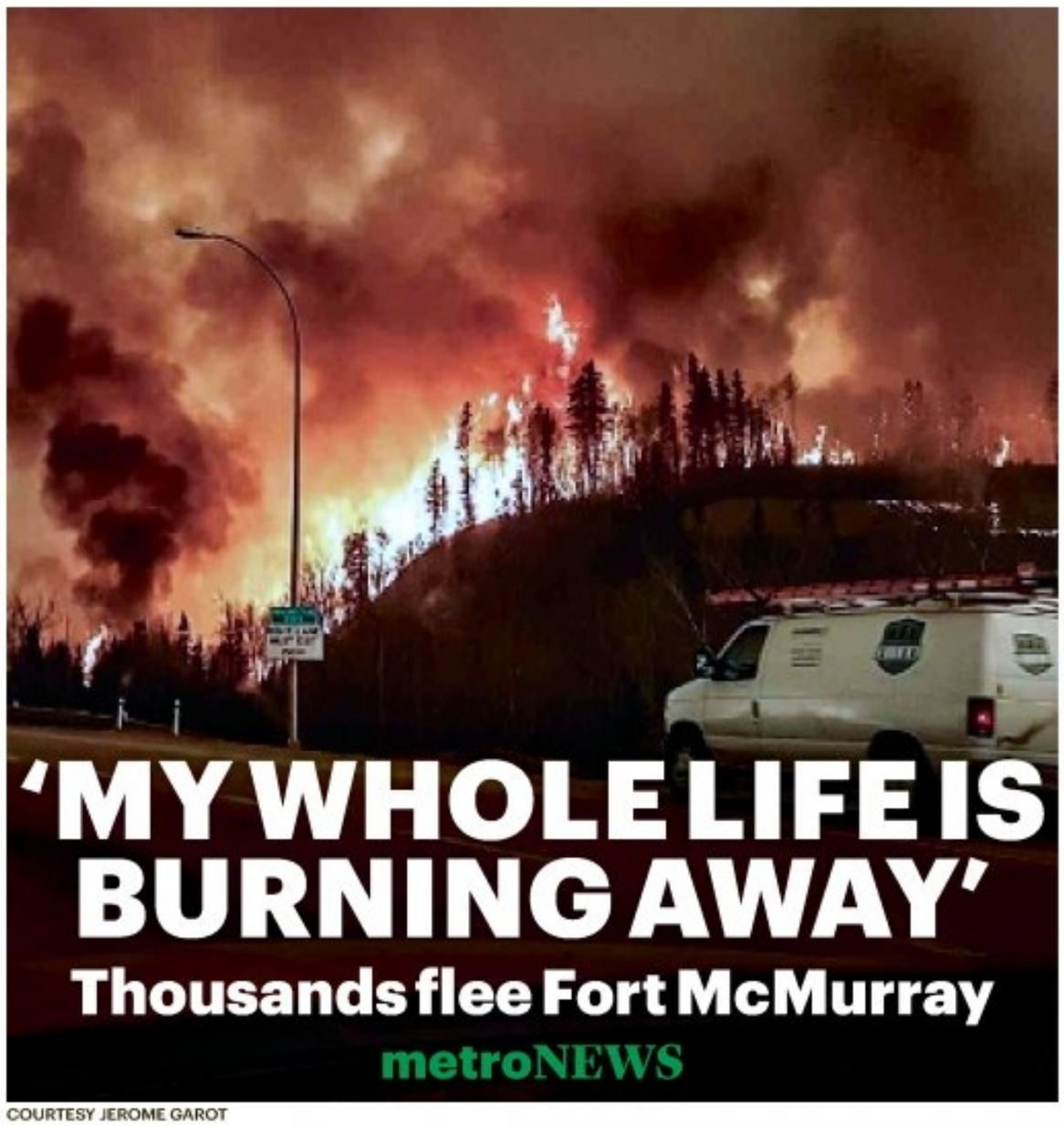

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Downtowners want Tory to act

SUBURBAN DIVIDE

More urban voices needed on committees, say councillors

Luke Simcoe
Metro | Toronto

John Tory will soon have the chance to give Toronto's downtown core more of a voice in how the city is governed — and he needs to act, say councillors representing the area.

Two downtown councillors are calling on the mayor to include more urban voices on city committees when the midterm shake-up happens this fall.

The absence of downtown representation on committees like public works and infrastructure is leading to poor policymaking, say councillors Mike Layton and Kristyn Wong-Tam.

"Look at the economic development committee. How are you supposed to plan for the economic success of the city when you don't have a single downtown councillor?" Wong-Tam said. "We generate 51 per cent of the GDP of the entire city, we're a major employment centre and yet we don't have a single councillor on that committee.

"It's mind-boggling."

While the final decision on municipal issues lies with council, committees are where technical briefings and deputations take place, and their recommendations carry significant weight.

However, as pointed out by Metro columnist Matt Elliott this week, downtown councillors have nearly been shut out of the city's most important committees under Tory. The economic development committee, public works and infrastructure, the TTC board and the mayor's influential executive committee all lack a downtown representative.

Wong-Tam and Layton pointed to last week's public works meeting as an example of what happens when downtown voices are excluded. Despite overwhelming support from local deputants for the Bloor bike lanes pilot, committee members were deadlocked and forwarded the motion to council without recommendation.

"Councillors from the suburbs will not understand why it's important for downtown communities to have bike lanes on Bloor," Wong-Tam said. "It's why we see PWIC not make a decision on something as simple as cycling infrastructure when we already have a complete streets and active transportation policy in Toronto."

PLUS: ONE SUBURBAN COUNCILLOR'S BIKE RIDE INFLUENCES HIS VOTE FOR BLOOR BIKE LANE PILOT
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Generational bonds

COMMUNITY

OCAD student bridges gap between young and old

Steven Goetz
For Metro | Toronto

Every morning before work, Vinh Le drives to Lilliana D'Orazio's house for coffee and a quick chat.

The two make an unlikely pair: Le, 24, is a student in his final year studying environmental design at OCADU; D'Orazio, 67, is a retired widow living in a Woodbridge suburb.

The pair's friendship inspired Le's undergraduate thesis — a plan to redevelop an under-enrolled Vaughan elementary school into an intergenerational community centre designed to bring young and old together.

Le grew up down the street from D'Orazio and was childhood friends with her granddaughter. His regular visits started after he volunteered to help her move into a new house two years ago. He started popping by to give her a hand, watering the plants and lifting cases of bottled water up the front steps. The two became close friends, bonding over a shared love for the Blue Jays.

Their friendship got Le thinking about the cultural shift taking place in D'Orazio's neighbourhood, he said. Vaughan has an aging population, with almost half its population seniors, and he noticed some of the neighbours were alone, isolated in their homes.

"For people to share what they're dealing with, it is a release," Le said. "When you can't express yourself, it is like you're contained.

"My main concept ... is a place where potential relationships can be formed," he said.

"Instead of building from scratch, which is not ideal and expensive, we can reuse what the community has," he added, pointing to underutilized schools to develop facilities.

As a case study, he prepared detailed plans to transform St. Gabriel's the Archangel Catholic Elementary School into a social hub with athletic facilities, public kitchens, library resources, classrooms, a performance space, and a café organized around common areas where everyone would meet. Programming would encourage young people and seniors meet and learn from each other, Le said, with high school students earning credit towards their required 40 volunteer hours.

Le plans to bring D'Orazio to see his plans at OCADU's grad expo this week. He's invited his city councillor, too.

Lilliana D'Orazio's friendship with OCADU student Vinh Le inspired his undergraduate thesis project — a plan to transform an under-enrolled elementary school into an intergenerational community centre. STEVEN GOETZ/FOR METRO

PRIDE MONTH

Inclusive photo shoot highlights city beauty

The theme for Toronto's first-ever Pride Month is 'You can sit with us,' a message of inclusion and belonging that kicked off with an open photo shoot to showcase all the different types of beauty that exist in the city.

Alicia Hall and Kaden Stephen

As a celebration of the diversity on display in the city, Pride Toronto invited everyone from community members to city leaders to have their portrait taken to show their pride. Over 300 community members had their photos taken.

Mayor John Tory

"If a picture is worth 1,000 words, maybe 1,000 pictures have the potential to give a true face to our community,'" said Mathieu Chantelois, Pride Toronto Executive Director who added that in posing for portraits hundreds, including Mayor John Tory, were taking a stand with Pride Toronto.

Doug Keer, son Malaki and husband Michael Went

The theme for the month was inspired by a scene from the cult-classic teen film Mean Girls. In it a formerly popular girl is told, "You can't sit with us," by her friends because she's wearing sweatpants. By flipping the line around Pride Toronto says it's sending the message that all people, including Doug Keer, his son Malaki and husband Michael Went are welcome to celebrate during the month-long festival.

Jaime Martino

Jaime Martino may have a shy smile, but according to Chantelois, even agreeing to a photo takes some bravery. "By striking a pose for our camera crew, hundreds took a stand for Pride Toronto, they are telling the world that it's OK to sit with us, but also to rally, march, celebrate, love and change the world with us," he said.

Premier Kathleen Wynne and Jane Rounthwaite

As the first openly gay premier in Canada, Kathleen Wynne and her partner Jane Rounthwaite were an obvious fit for the campaign. In 2013 Wynne made history as the first sitting premier to take part in Toronto's Pride parade. She has participated every year since.

Justin Trudeau

Canada's leader will march into history this summer as the first sitting prime minister to take part in Toronto's Pride parade. On July 3 he'll join hundreds of others as they take to the streets to strut their stuff and show their pride.

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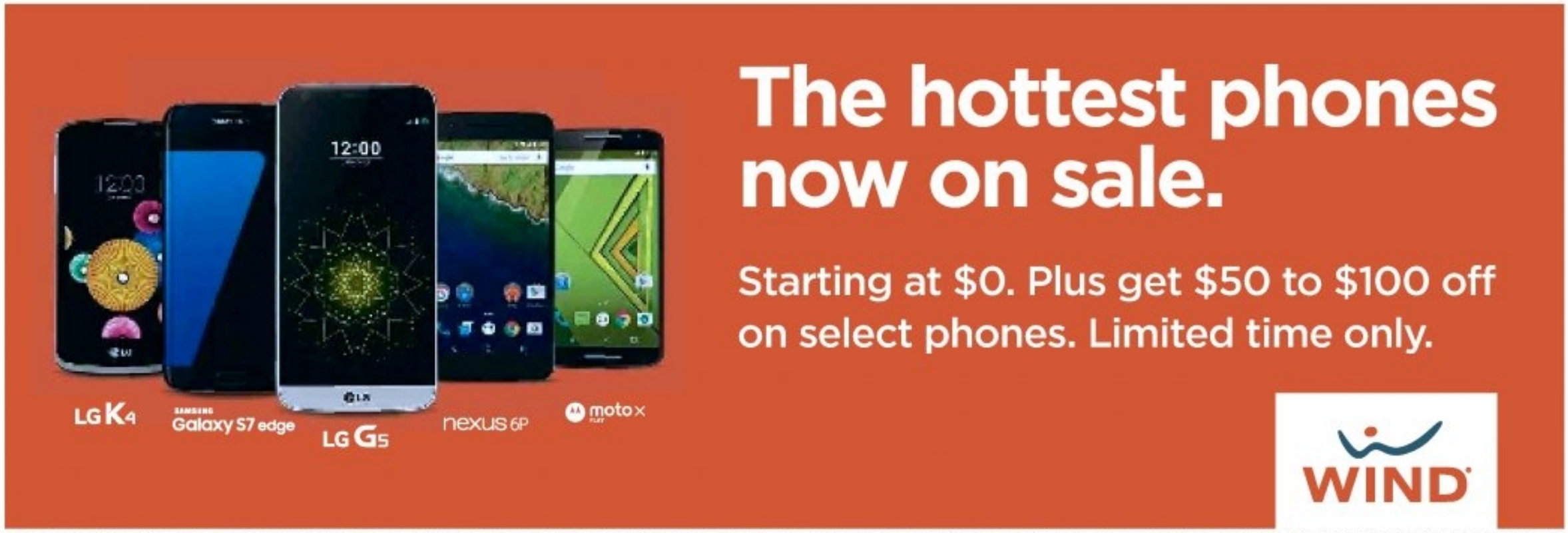
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PEDESTRIAN DEATH

WOMAN DIES, 2 INJURED AFTER STUDIO COLLISION

A 68-year-old woman is dead after a car crashed into the front of a dance studio in the Beaches area Tuesday morning.

Sgt. Clint Stibbe told Torstar News Service the woman was in the building at the time of the collision.

No charges have been laid for the 65-year-old driver of the vehicle who suffered minor injuries, Stibbe said. According to police, the female driver was attempting to turn right into a parking spot in front of the studio.

Two other clients at the studio were injured, according to Sgt. Clint Stibbe. One was taken to hospital in serious, but not life-threatening condition, while the other was treated for minor injuries and released. GEOFFREY VENDEVILLE/ TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

REAL ESTATE

Lux condos coming to Forest Hill

The hushed, leafy streets of Forest Hill are no longer immune to Toronto's condo city transformation.

The 200 Russell Hill project by Hirsh Development Group has quietly raised the bar on luxury living.

Suites at the development in the Spadina Road and St. Clair Avenue W. area start at $3.2 million and top out at a jaw-dropping $12 million.

Tentatively planned for occupancy in fall 2018, the 22 units in the five-storey development will range from about 2,000 to 5,000 sq. ft., although buyers have the option of combining two suites into a single home.

"To get multi-unit development like this in this neighbourhood is really unheard of. This was a 10-year fight to get this approved," said developer Simon Hirsh, whose company is known for custom and high-end vacation homes.

Residents initially opposed condos because they were afraid it would destroy old trees and the habitat for red tailed hawks in the area, said retired city councillor Michael Walker.

"It was a good debate," said his former executive assistant Chris Sellers. But the main objection was the built form.

When Hirsh bought the property in 2014, it had been zoned for a condo.

While 200 Russell Hill's high end features and finishes are unique in the Toronto market, it's the kind of project that is likely to show up more as the supply of developable land dwindles in Toronto, he said.

"There is a trend towards people wanting to stay in these high end neighbourhoods and have buildings that offer a little more efficiency as far as the number of units," said Hirsh.

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'A couple of instances'

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Wynne says she handled allegations with Liberal MPPs

Premier Kathleen Wynne admits she has dealt with "a couple of instances" of sexual harassment involving at least two Liberal MPPs, but is keeping the circumstances and names secret.

"The situations are confidential so I'm not going to go into the details," the premier said Tuesday amid repeated questions from reporters seeking more information.

"The conversations have been confidential for various reasons, not the least of which is that people who brought complaints forward were not looking for a public process," Wynne added at York Mills Collegiate.

Her remarks came two weeks after she proposed a code of conduct for MPPs in the wake of the controversy over a vulgar sex joke told by Progressive Conservative MPP Jack MacLaren.

Wynne said Progressive Conservative Leader Patrick Brown should consider booting MacLaren from his caucus for the remark about Ottawa-area Liberal MP Karen McCrimmon, raising questions about what discipline or action was taken against the premier's own Liberal MPPs.

"I think there's certainly a double standard," Brown told reporters, calling on Wynne to be more forthcoming.

"Transparency is always a good thing."

Premier Kathleen Wynne
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The premier's admission is confirmation that sexual harassment problems in the Liberal circle at Queen's Park — which she first mentioned in November 2014 after Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau suspended two caucus members — involved elected politicians.

It's unclear whether the offending MPPs are men or women, if they are still in office, or whether there have been new instances in the last 18 months.

> **"I think there's certainly a double standard.**
> Patrick Brown

"I've dealt with them in various ways," Wynne said, noting her party has its own "code of conduct" for dealing with sexual harassment.

"I have had a context within which to have those conversations with MPPs and I have done so."

NDP Leader Andrea Horwath revealed she has raised concerns with fellow party leaders at Queens' Park over complaints of "inappropriate touching."

"Unfortunately, I'm not surprised," she said, referring to Wynne's admission. Horwath did not detail the touching incidents or who they involved or when they occurred.

"Some of my members have talked about feeling uncomfortable with inappropriate touching that's happened around this place.

"This is not the '50s. It's 2016 and people need to be respectful of each other's individual space and be respectful of women's sexuality."

Wynne's government last year launched a public campaign against sexual assault — including widely praised advertising videos — and harassment, and passed legislation requiring employers to take such problems more seriously.

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The census is back, and now it's cool

STATISTICS CANADA

Website crashes as Canadians rush to fill in forms

Luke Simcoe
Metro | Toronto

The long-form census is back, and it might just be more popular than ever.

Across the country, Canadians are practically bursting with joy as they open their mailboxes to find their 2016 census forms. Many are turning to social media to share the moment with the masses just as they do some of the biggest moments of their lives — weddings, birthdays and the like.

"Got this in the mail and may have squealed. Never thought government paperwork could get me this excited," tweeted Jean-François Claude.

In fact, so many Canadians rushed to fill out the census Monday that the Statistics Canada website crashed.

The jubilant response to the census didn't surprise Matti Siemiatycki, a professor of planning and geography at the University of Toronto.

"I think the census is a symbol. It symbolizes for many people that Canada is back, that evidence and sound decision making is what this country is based on," he said.

The long-form census was cancelled by the Conservatives in 2010, and its return — brought about by the Trudeau Liberals' rise to power — is particularly good for people those living in major cities, said Siemiatycki.

"The census is a critical resource for city planners and decision makers," he said. "It provides the most extensive picture of who lives in our cities, where they live, what their demographics are, and in many cases what their needs and wants are."

That kind of information will be vital for cities as they decide where to invest new federal funding for things like infrastructure, housing and transit, said Siemiatycki.

Here in Toronto, municipal demographer Harvey Low said census data is key to determining where and how to fund the city's many social programs — from parks and recreation to settlement services and poverty reduction.

"We have limited resources, so how do we spend hard-earned taxpayer money wisely? We do it through evidence-based decision making," he said.

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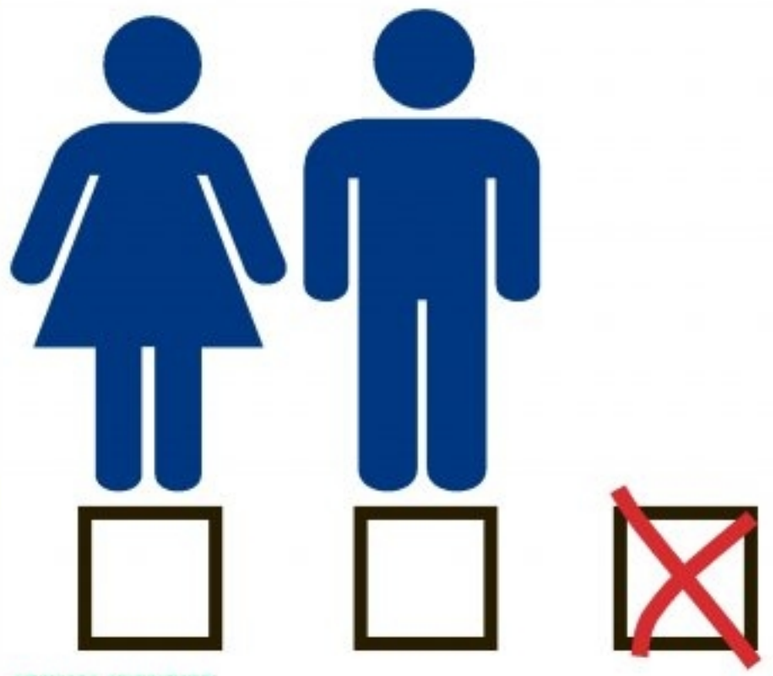

SEXUAL IDENTITY

Non-binary genders left out of question

Haley Ritchie
Metro | Ottawa

The majority of Canadians — including many who identify as transgender — probably didn't think twice about ticking 'female' or 'male' on the new census.

But one group of people — those who identify as both genders, or neither — don't have a box to tick. We don't know exactly how many since the census doesn't include them, which is frustrating both researchers and non-binary people.

"None of that data really exists anywhere, especially in Canada," said Dillon Black, a member Ottawa's Queering613 collective. "There aren't really any demographics on trans identity and especially non-binary identities."

People like Black, who don't identify with one gender, aren't represented along with intersex people or two-spirited indigenous people.

Black said they'd like to see more education around the issue and consultations between Statistics Canada and non-binary people about adding more options in a future census.

Right now Statistics Canada is encouraging non-binary respondents to leave the category blank and indicate a reason in the comments section.

"For the 2021 Census of Population Program, Statistic Canada will again consult with Canadians," spokesperson Annabelle El-Hage wrote in an email.

Sabine Grutter, an independent researcher at McGill University who studies the health of transgender people, said an updated census would also aid research.

Grutter was told that Statistics Canada would be compiling respondents who skip the gender question into a special report.

"This will be the first population-based survey in which we're even getting some indication of whether people are identifying within a binary or outside of it," said Grutter, who also identifies as non-binary.

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Councillor cycles Bloor, changes vote

TRANSIT

John Campbell supports bike lane project

Steven Goetz
For Metro | Toronto

A suburban city councillor's morning ride has helped him decide to vote yes for the Bloor Street bike-lane pilot project.

Etobicoke Centre Coun. John Campbell rode to City Hall from his home near Royal York and Bloor Tuesday for the first time.

"Traffic wasn't too heavy," Campbell told Metro. "If I saw it as particularly heavy, then a bike lane might make traffic worse, but I didn't see that."

After crossing Bloor Street, Campbell's route brought him along stretches of St. George, Harbord and Wellesley where bike lanes already exist.

"Riding it, you do realize a separate bike lane is infinitely safer than riding with traffic," Campbell said.

John F Campbell @Campbell4Ward4 · 7h
Arrived safely at City Hall in 45 minutes. Great day for a cycle!
John F Campbell @Campbell4Ward4 · 8h
Not at Shaw and Bloor, start of the proposed bike lanes on Bloor auto traffic speedy but not heavy.
John F Campbell @Campbell4Ward4 · 8h
Great day for a bike ride. Taking the (in) famous Bloor St. route to City Hall. (Normal best route from here would be Humber path-Lakeshore)

Coun. Campbell biked to City Hall from his home near Royal York and Bloor to help inform his decision on the issue. TWITTER

The councillor was leaning toward voting against the pilot project before his daughter texted him, praising the bike lane infrastructure in Montreal.

Campbell said he is concerned removing street parking will hurt local businesses: "The pilot project will test that and I think it will have to be held to a pretty high standard to keep them there on a permanent basis."

If approved, Campbell said he expects the bike lanes will anger some drivers, but he wants to see if there is a major increase in bike traffic along the east-west corridor.

City council is expected to debate and vote on the issue Wednesday.

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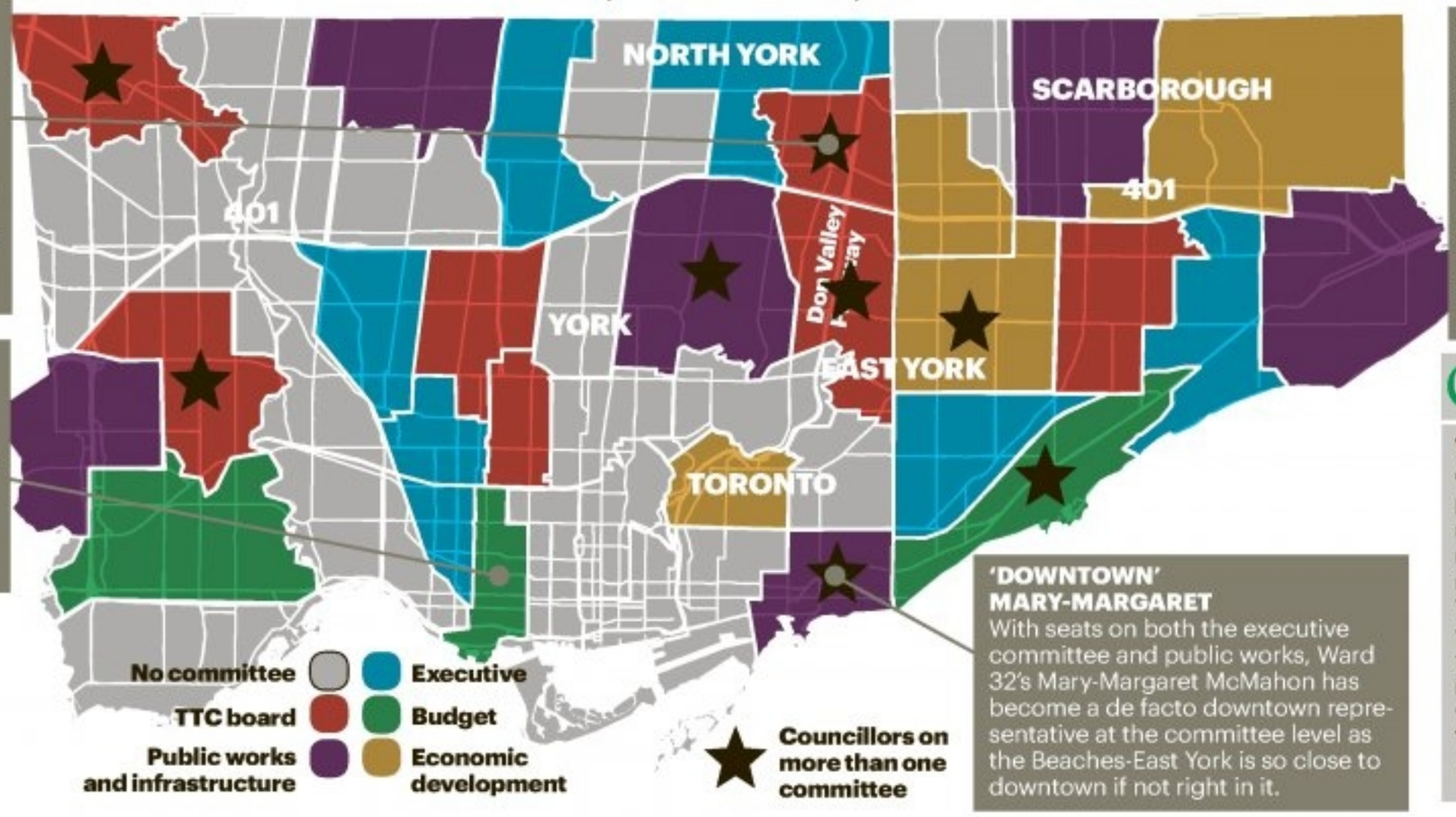
City centre is not centre of power

Downtown Toronto accounts for the lion's share of the city's economic output and is growing four times faster than other boroughs in terms of population. However, under Mayor John Tory, downtown councillors are mostly absent from the most influential committees. The map below shows the makeup of five committees: the mayor's executive, public works and infrastructure, economic development, budget and TTC board. It shows where the seat of power in the city lies. GRAPHIC BY ANDRES PLANA/METRO

Luke Simcoe
Metro | Toronto

SHELLEY'S SHOW
Council veteran Shelley Carroll, who was budget chief under former mayor David Miller, sits on the most major committees of any member on council. The Ward 33 representative casts a vote on the budget and economic development committees and is also a member of the TTC board.

LONELY LAYTON
Ward 19 Coun. Mike Layton is the only downtowner to sit on one of the major committees. He's a member of the budget committee, which co-ordinates the city's operating and capital budgets.



'DOWNTOWN' MARY-MARGARET
With seats on both the executive committee and public works, Ward 32's Mary-Margaret McMahon has become a de facto downtown representative at the committee level as the Beaches-East York is so close to downtown if not right in it.

SCARBOROUGH IS IN CHARGE
Scarborough reigns supreme when it comes to committee representation. All but one of the borough's 10 councillors – Ward 39's Jim Karygiannis (who does sit on the licensing and standards committee) — has a spot on one or more of the major committees.

YOUR VOICE

Tell us what you think
City committees are appointed by the mayor. They receive input from staff and residents, and make recommendations to council. They change up every two years. The next shakeup is this fall. Should Mayor Tory include more downtown voices on committees? Tweet **@metrotoronto** and let us know. METRO

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Thousands flee raging wildfires

FORT MCMURRAY

Homes aflame, gas station explodes

Jeremy Simes
For Metro | Calgary

Homes have begun to burn in Fort McMurray as residents flee for safety in what has been the biggest evacuation due to fire in Alberta's history.

More than 80,000 people have now been ordered to leave Fort McMurray communities.

"My whole life is burning away," said Jenn Tremblett, who has left for Edmonton. "My home is in Gregoire (a Fort McMurray neighbourhood), so it may be gone soon.

"My family is trying to get out of town."

Tremblett said the community of Beacon Hill is on fire, after a nearby Shell gas station blew up.

"It's very bad," she said.

Fire officials have extended the evacuation order to 10 communities in the city, including Beacon Hill, Abasand, Waterways, Draper, Saline Creek, Grayling Terrace, downtown, Thickwood, Wood Buffalo and Dickinsfield.

Kristen Mctavish, who lives in the city's downtown, was on her way 63 kilometres north to Noralta's Grey Wolf Lodge, where one camp, among others, has been set up to house evacuees.

"I cried," Mctavish said. "It's better now because we're actually moving somewhere, but traffic is really bad."

Many houses in the Beacon Hill and Gregoire areas have burned down, including the homes of Mctavish's friends.

"A couple of my friends' homes have burned down, and a lot of people are going north," she said. "Buildings and businesses caught on fire. The gas station exploded."

On Tuesday evening, a forestry spokesperson said officials are pulling out crews as it has become prime burning time, adding tomorrow is supposed to be more intense.

Mctavish said she's a bit worried her home may burn down.

"I live close to the Gregoire and Beacon Hill area," she said. "I hope it will be under control by then."

Unseasonably hot temperatures combined with dry conditions have transformed the boreal forest in much of Alberta into a tinder box. The wildfire threat ranging from very high to extreme.

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> "Buildings and businesses caught on fire. The gas station exploded."
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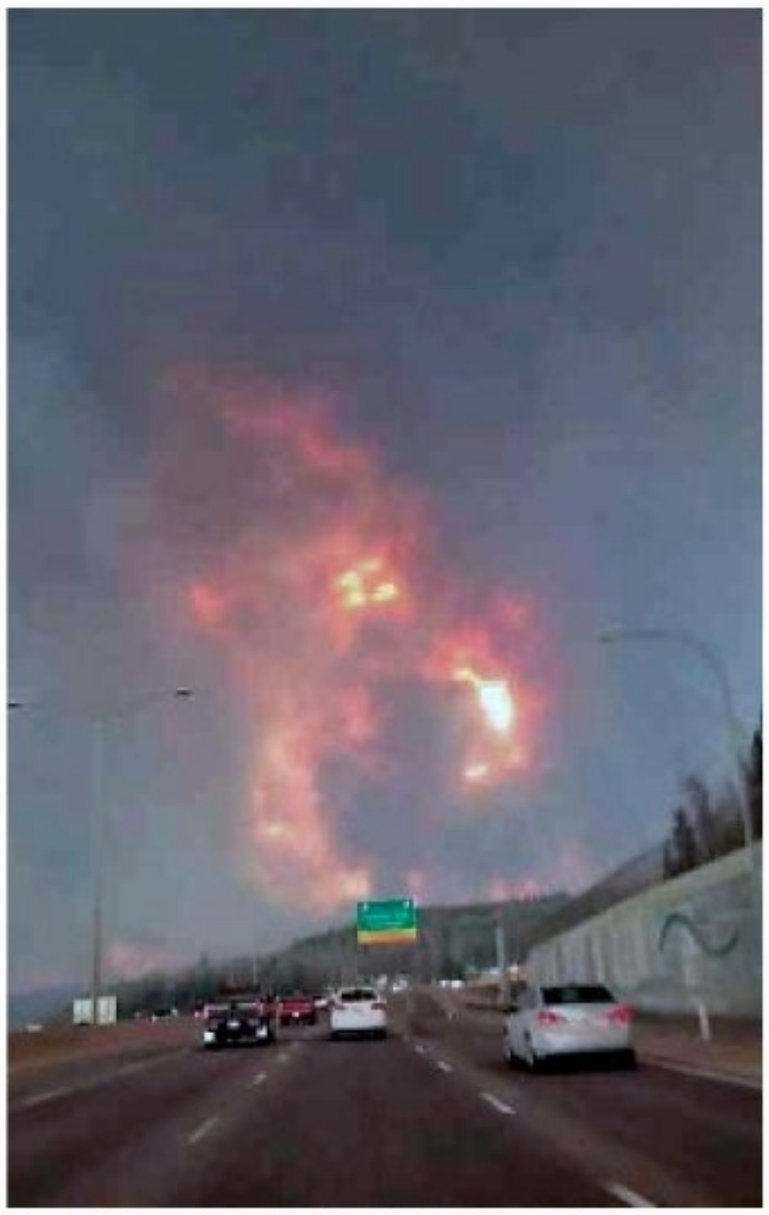

Smoke fills the air in Fort McMurray, Alta. THE CANADIAN PRESS

ABOUT THE CITY

A look at Fort McMurray, the northern Alberta community in which several neighbourhoods were under an evacuation notice Tuesday because of a wildfire:

LOCATION: Fort McMurray is 435 kilometres northeast of Edmonton on Highway 63, just west of the Alberta-Saskatchewan boundary.

SIZE: Fort McMurray is the largest community in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo. A 2015 municipal census pegged the population of the region at about 125,000. The urban centre of Fort McMurray had just over 61,000 people, according to the 2011 federal census.

HISTORY: Fort McMurray was once a fur trading post. Today, Fort McMurray is best known now as a hub for the oilsands industry, which is the top employer in the region.

TEMPORARY RESIDENCE

Oilsands camps fill with evacuees

Oilsands work camps were being pressed into service Tuesday to house evacuees as the raging wildfire Fort McMurray.

"We've made our work camp available to staff and their families who have been evacuated and need a place to stay," said Cameron Yost of Shell Canada.

"We are looking at getting non-essential people out by aircraft," said Yost, who added Shell's camp could accommodate hundreds of evacuees.

Most oilsands projects are well north of the community, while the worst of the flames were on the city's south side.

Shell's camp is about 95 kilometres away and remained operating late Tuesday. Still, precautions were being taken.

Officials were also evacuating non-essential staff at Suncor's base plant, one of the closest facilities to the city.

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Veterans' pot use rising

REPORT

Feds urged to keep an eye on medical pot program costs

The latest report from the federal auditor general urges Veterans Affairs to get a grip on its medical-marijuana program for injured ex-soldiers, which is expected to cost taxpayers a startling $25 million this year.

Michael Ferguson says it's just one of the programs in which the federal government has critical data available to it that's either not usable, not used or not acted upon at all.

The report tabled Tuesday in the House of Commons also looked at the dire condition of the army reserves, the federal government's inability to detect and prevent refugee fraud and the uncertain impact of the former Conservative government's $400-million venture-capital action plan.

But with medical marijuana for veterans, Ferguson paints a picture of a program out of control.

He says the federal department long ago recognized the need to contain the prescribed pot program by imposing a limit on how much the government is willing to pay per gram, but usage levels and costs continue to climb.

Veterans Affairs has covered medical-marijuana costs since 2008, but more vets have applied since the regulations were overhauled three years ago, sending the cost through the roof. Ferguson says it will soon account for almost one-third of all federal drug coverage for ex-soldiers.

Tuesday's report finds that officials saw the tidal wave of higher medicinal pot expenses coming but did little to prevent it.

"We found that before these new regulations were passed, department officials had identified that they would likely cause an increase in the number of veterans requesting marijuana for medical purposes, increasing the department's expenditures," said the audit.

Officials had documented that commercial suppliers were charging up to $14 per gram, almost triple the federal government's estimate, it notes.

"Despite acknowledging this in advance, it did not establish a dollar limit for covering marijuana for medical purposes."

In 2013-14, there were 112 veterans taking prescribed pot at a cost of $408,000, but by the end of December 2015 some 1,320 ex-soldiers were enrolled at a cost of $12.1 million. That adds up to an average of $9,600 per veteran.

Veterans Affairs Minister Kent Hehr said he accepts the auditor's criticism but noted he's already ordered a review of the delivery of the program.

He did not explain why the department refused to take action but instead focused on consulting with veterans groups and medical experts about the way forward.

"We're taking the time to get this right," he said. "We're going to consult on this and come out with a policy directive in the coming months."

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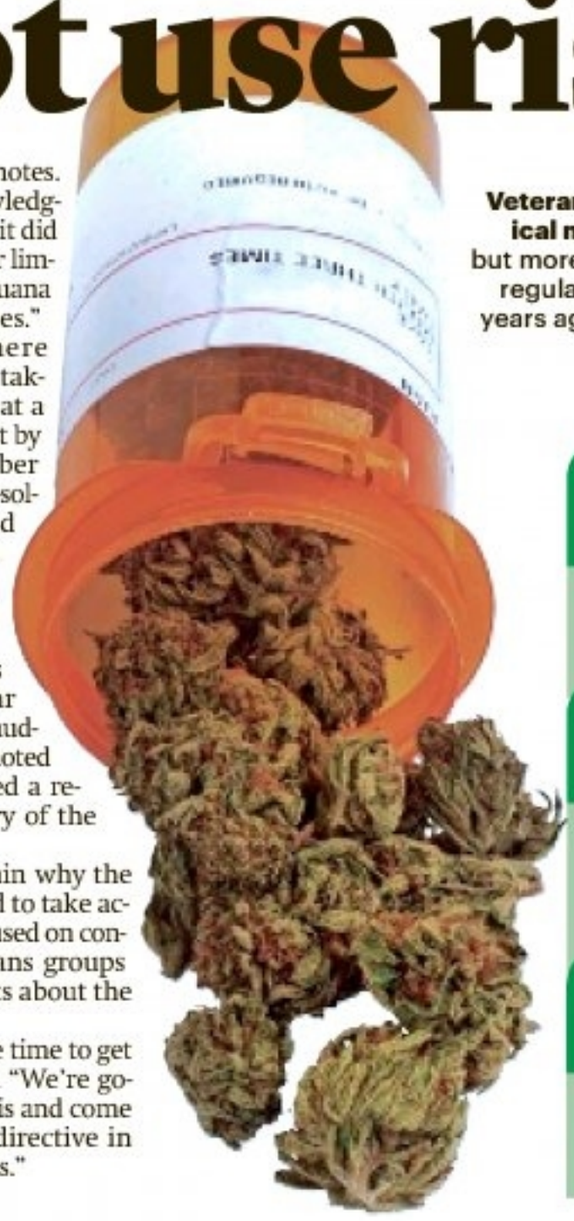

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Number of veterans taking prescribed pot by end of December 2015.

$9,600
Average cost of medical pot per veteran in 2015.

IMMIGRATION

A dozen citizenships probed

Immigration officials are looking at revoking the Canadian citizenship of about a dozen people after the auditor general found the government isn't doing enough to root out fraud in the citizenship system.

Michael Ferguson's report uncovered instances of people with serious criminal records and others using potentially phoney addresses among those who managed to secure Canadian citizenship thanks to holes throughout not just the Immigration Department but the RCMP and Canada Border Services Agency as well.

The cases flagged represent just a fraction of the nearly half a million people who've become Canadian citizens in the last two years, but that doesn't mean improvements aren't necessary, Immigration Minister John McCallum said Tuesday.

Recommendations related to improving information sharing between departments will be implemented by the end of the year, McCallum said. Another suggestion — that officers be given more power to seize fraudulent documents — is currently in a bill being debated. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Afghan boy Murtaza Ahmadi plays with a football on Tuesday while wearing a shirt donated and signed by Messi in Pakistan's southwestern city of Quetta. The boy who captivated hearts after he was pictured wearing a plastic bag as an improvised Messi jersey has appealed to the UN refugee agency after fleeing his home. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

AFGHANISTAN

'Messi boy' sent into exile

The family of a five-year-old Afghan boy who received autographed shirts from his soccer hero Lionel Messi was forced to leave Afghanistan amid constant telephone threats and a menacing Taliban letter, the boy's father said Tuesday.

Mohammad Arif Ahmadi — whose son grabbed headlines when he was photographed wearing a homemade Argentina shirt with No. 10 on the back — said they have moved to neighbouring Pakistan and settled in the city of Quetta, hoping for a better life there.

"Life became a misery for us," said Ahmadi, speaking to The Associated Press over the telephone from Quetta. He added that the family didn't want to leave Afghanistan, but the threats were just getting more and more serious.

Ahmadi said he feared that his son Murtaza would be kidnapped after becoming an Internet sensation — both at home in Afghanistan and beyond — after pictures of him wearing a Messi shirt made out of a striped plastic bag went viral.

Ahmadi said that at first he was not sure who was behind all the phone calls, and that he thought it might criminal gangs seeking to extort money and falsely thinking the family might have made lots of cash amid the boy's international popularity.

But he said he realized it was the Taliban after he received a call from a local driver in the area who told him he was bringing him a letter.

"It was a letter sent by the Taliban," Ahmadi said.

The Taliban have not commented the case of the 5-year-old Murtaza and their spokesman was not immediately reachable for comment.

The Ahmadi family first travelled to the Pakistani capital, Islamabad, but couldn't stay there long because of the high cost of living. They later moved to Quetta. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cruz quits, Trump wins in Indiana

U.S. ELECTION

Front-runner still needs 200 delegates for nomination

Texas Sen. Ted Cruz abruptly ended his presidential campaign Tuesday night after falling to Donald Trump in Indiana's primary, a devastating loss that left him with no viable path to the Republican nomination. Trump, considered a fringe candidate a year ago, now is poised to represent Republicans in the fall presidential campaign.

"I've said I would continue on as long as there was a viable path to victory; tonight I'm sorry to say it appears that path has been foreclosed," Cruz told a sombre crowd in Indianapolis.

Cruz campaigned aggressively in Indiana, but could not overcome Trump. The billionaire businessman has stunned the Republican Party with his appeal to voters deeply frustrated with Washington and their own party's leaders.

Trump still must win about 200 more delegates to clinch the nomination. But his victory in Indiana — where he picked up at least 45 of the state's 57 delegates — made it all but impossible for Cruz to block him from doing so.

Before Tuesday's results, Cruz had vowed to stay in the race through the final primaries in June, clinging to the possibility that Trump would fall short of the 1,237 delegates he needs and the race would go to a contested convention.

One outside group trying to stop Trump suggested it would shift its attention to helping Republicans in other races. Rory Cooper, a senior adviser to the Never Trump super PAC, said the group will help protect "Republican incumbents and down-ballot candidates, by distinguishing their values and principles from that of Trump, and protecting them from a wave election."

UNITY

Whether a united Republican Party is possible with Trump at the helm remains uncertain. Before the Indiana results were finalized, some conservative leaders were planning a meeting to assess the viability of launching a third party candidacy to compete with Trump.

Only about half of Indiana's Republican primary voters said they were excited or even optimistic about any of their remaining candidates becoming president, according to exit polls. Still, most said they probably would support whoever won for the GOP.

On the Democratic side, Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders won the Indiana presidential primary, scoring a late-season victory over front-runner Hillary Clinton. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Risky business if you're a woman

ENTREPRENEURS

Women are less likely to seek or get bank financing

The myth that women entrepreneurs are risk averse continues to stand in their way of getting financing to help their businesses grow, a major new study concludes.

Women entrepreneurs also said they want more than just a loan from their bank, according to A Force to Reckon With: Women Entrepreneurship and Risk. They want a relationship with a bank that understands their business and their personal needs, the study found.

"Women entrepreneurs, in general, are not satisfied with their experiences with financial institutions," according to the report sponsored by the Bank of Montreal. "In fact, in many instances women entrepreneurs reported that they felt humiliated and frustrated by financial institutions' treatment of them."

One woman entrepreneur said the bank wanted her father to co-sign the loan, the report noted.

Indeed, 80 per cent of the women interviewed for the study said they faced obstacles in getting bank loans.

Women entrepreneurs contributed $148 billion to Canada's economy in 2011, the latest year for which data is available, the study noted.

Yet, they continue to struggle with assumptions they are risk averse, when in fact "women entrepreneurs, like male entrepreneurs, are not all alike," said Clare Beckton, report co-author and head of Carleton University's Centre for Women in Politics and Public Leadership.

The study, which included interviews with 100 male and female entrepreneurs across Canada over a two-year period, found women prefer to take what they call "rational" risks.

"Women are not only interested in the earnings statement but the impact of their business decisions on all aspects of their lives," Beckton said.

Bank of Montreal, which sponsored the study, said it has started incorporating some of the findings into its business.

"We know women are starting more business than men," said Susan Brown, BMO senior vice-president and head of women's strategy. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

NUMBERS

- **$60,000** – average annual income earned by full-time women entrepreneurs
- **950,000** – number of women who were self-employed in 2011
- **47%** – Portion of Canadian small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) partially or majority owned by women

PJ's Pets is closing 27 of its Canadian locations. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Pet business not a boom for all

Pet parents are driving a booming industry in Canada.

But shoppers looking for bargains or specialty products and services are pushing out mid-size chains from an otherwise growing market. Take for instance PJ's Pets and Pets Unlimited, which operate under separate banners but are one company. Late last month it announced it was closing 27 of its 39 Canadian stores.

Over the past three fiscal years, the company reported annual multimillion-dollar losses between $3 million and $6.9 million, according to a March PwC report.

The report partly attributes the red ink to increased competition from larger pet retailers and retail stores.

Pet store industry revenue in Canada is expected to jump an additional 3.6 per cent this year to $2 billion, according to a recent report by the market research firm. Three major players — PetSmart, Pet Valu and Global Pet Foods — make up more than 40 per cent of the market share. Some, like PJ's Pets and Pets Unlimited, are mid-size operations.

They all face competition from grocery stores that increasingly include a pet supplies aisle and discount retailers.

Those big outlets attract customers by offering lower prices than smaller industry players thanks to advantageous economies of scale. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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ON SOCIAL ACTIVISM

Occupy INAC (Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada) and Black Lives Matter protests have swept across major cities. These are movements — and people — bettering our country.

All's not quiet in the True North, as witnessed by this spring of discontent.

Occupy INAC (Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada) and Black Lives Matter protests have swept across major cities from Vancouver to Winnipeg to Montreal. And in Halifax, hundreds marched through the streets in late April to protest gun violence that killed three young black men in less than a week.

All three actions have gained considerable traction and attention and forced responses from powers as high up as premiers and federal ministers.

They are, by and large, the movements of young people — Twitter-savvy and Instagram-curated. They are targeted in their goals and, thus far, remarkably successful.

In Toronto, Black Lives Matter's accomplishments are many and growing: There will be a coroner's inquest into the death of Andrew Loku, who was shot by police while holding a hammer, and a face-to-face meeting with John Tory, the mayor. Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne has directly responded to the protest, and the province released a (heavily redacted) civilian oversight report on Loku's death last week. Solidarity protests in Vancouver and Montreal have increased the movement's visibility.

Around the same time, Occupy INAC spawned from the Attawapiskat suicide crisis when Toronto protesters set up inside INAC's offices, demanding help. It spread to Winnipeg (which is entering Day 21 of the protest and seeking a meeting with the prime minister) and inspired rallies in Regina and Gatineau, Que.

Occupy INAC in Vancouver only ended last week after Carolyn Bennett, INAC's minister, agreed to meet with protesters to discuss their demands: the reinstatement of a $22-million cultural program for off-reserve youth and an increase in indigenous language funding from $5 million to $1 billion.

It has been particularly fascinating to watch these two national movements support one another, share hashtags and disseminate each other's Facebook posts.

It's a slightly different story in Halifax, where activist Quentrel Provo has spent years fighting gun violence that disproportionately leaves young black men dead. His Stop the Violence Spread the Love group has held marches in the city before, but last month's could mark a turning point in the fight to curb violence. Instead of activism aimed at a powerful group, it's a movement that he hopes all in his city will see as their own. Deaths in the black community "affect everyone," he says.

April was an unusually deadly month, and that "really opened up a lot of people's lives that this is reality."

That's sparking greater collaboration between education officials, police and community members on a number of fronts: Police are asking for community help in solving the killings, and the minister of education is meeting with Provo. And Provo is gaining traction for a mentorship program he hopes to launch that will reach boys at an early age and help steer them toward safer, longer lives.

All this is quite something for activist leaders of a generation often painted as feckless and navel-gazing.

"He is the reason I am here," wrote Jerilynn Webster, one of the Occupy INAC Vancouver leaders, on an Instagram photo that included her young son. "I'm not a rebel without a cause. Council of Mothers did this for indigenous kids and youth in Turtle Island. I hope people see this."

Near the start of the protest, the Council of Mothers, as the protesters called themselves, urged Attawapiskat and indigenous youth to "Keep resisting, keep loving and keep speaking your absolute truth because you are being heard."

Certainly, they have been.

The upshot of all this organizing shouldn't be underestimated: a return to discussions of racism and violence in Halifax that could change young lives; a re-think of police accountability in Toronto that has the potential to change how we handle police shootings; increased attention across this country to the needs of often forgotten indigenous youth.

These are movements — and people — bettering our country. For the average Canadian, such as myself, who has not occupied a government building, camped for days outside police headquarters or launched an anti-gun-violence march to bring change, that is a lot to be grateful for.

A prescription to kick the opioid scourge

Alan Cassels

We are in the midst of a deadly drug epidemic so severe and widespread few people in North America will remain untouched by it.

Typically the suggestion of an epidemic is hyperbolic, but it doesn't seem so in this case. Last month, Dr. Perry Kendall, the provincial Health Officer in British Columbia said that B.C. has a "public health emergency" on its hands, mostly due to the alarming number of overdose deaths linked to prescription opioids.

Opioids include prescription narcotics, such as Oxycontin, hydromorph Contin and fentanyl, which some say is 100 times stronger than morphine. Kendall said that there were more than 200 opioid-related overdose deaths so far this year in B.C., and if those numbers continue, there'll be 800 by the end of the year.

What's happening in B.C. is representative of what is happening across Canada, where we have some of the highest rates of prescription opioid consumption in the world. From 2006 to 2011, use of opioids in Canada rose by 32 per cent and that rise has continued unabated.

The United States is also in full-on damage control mode, trying to stem the incredible numbers of deaths due to opioids. In 2012, there were 259 million prescriptions written for opioids — enough to give every American adult their own bottle of pills. Since 2000, the overdose death rate in the U.S. has risen by 200 per cent.

The problems, as well as potential solutions, are complicated but, I agree with U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy when he says curbing society's exposure to opioids — particularly those coming from a prescription pad in a doctor's office — is absolutely vital. As he said: "Physicians need to be retrained to think twice — or three or four times — before writing that first opioid prescription."

Indeed, many critics have pointed the finger at prescribers — well-meaning clinicians who've been giving too many patients excessively powerful opioid medications to deal with modest pain.

It's important to recognize that liberal prescribing of opioids is a recent problem and, since the mid-1990s, can be linked to the pharma industry. Doctors have increasingly been encouraged — often via educational materials paid for by opioid makers — to prescribe the drugs.

To tackle the problem, we need unbiased, safety-oriented messages on the appropriate use of opioids and knowledge of their wicked potential. And we need to curb our dependence on drug-company money for doctor training.

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Sabrina Ghayour's second book a blend of cultures

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When Sabrina Ghayour saw the May cover of U.K.'s Delicious magazine hailing her as the "new queen of Eastern cooking," she laughed for a good five minutes.

"I used to be the 'Persian princess' but I've obviously upgraded now to queen," says Ghayour, whose second cookbook, Sirocco, features recipes that are influenced by both her Iranian and European heritage. "If it makes people happy then I'm so honoured to be even the Duchess of Middle Eastern cuisine."

A self-taught cook who has been experimenting in the kitchen since she was about six years old, Ghayour takes the praise in stride. By now, she should be used to it: after the release of her first book, Persiana, in 2014, Ghayour was named by The Evening Standard as one of London's 1,000 most influential people.

Born in Tehran, the cuisine of Ghayour's Iranian background is evident throughout Sirocco but even traditional explanations are paired with a fresh twist — such as the Grilled Peach and Gem Lettuce Salad recipe that comes with a brief ode to the origins of the kebab. Ghayour also incorporates recipe blends from throughout the region, such as the Lebanese baharat and Moroccan ras el hanout.

She doesn't claim any of the homestyle dishes are "authentic," but rather an expression of her personality and expertise.

"If we said 'oh this is authentic Middle Eastern food' people from every country would knock on my door and be like 'hey, hang on a second,'" jokes Ghayour, who moved to London in 1979 with her family.

"I'm not too pedantic about method; about high-honoured tradition. ... I write recipes based on what I'm actually, genuinely eating at home."

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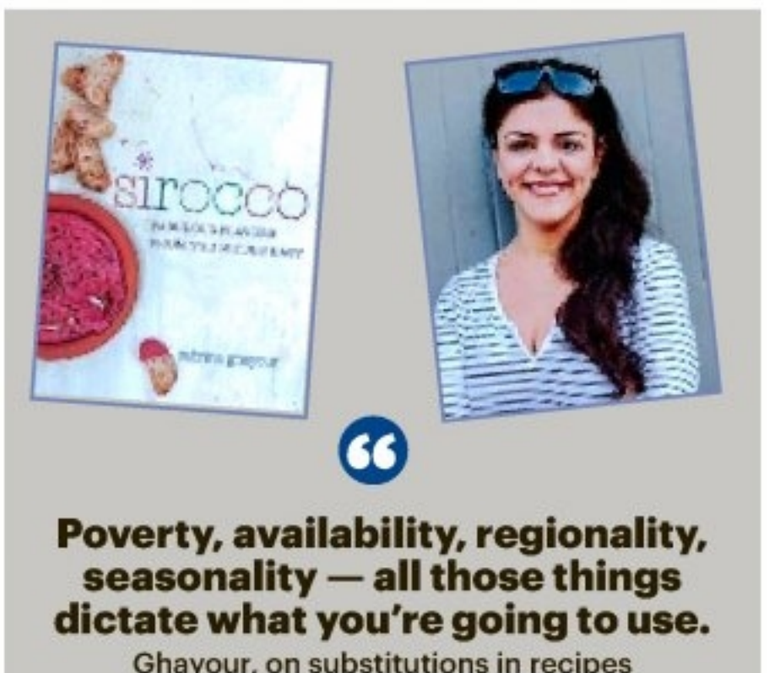

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Ghayour, on substitutions in recipes

LAMB, APRICOT & FENNEL SEED LOLLIPOPS

Call these lollipops, kofta or meatballs (which is, technically, what they are), they make quite a statement when served. In all fairness, you can ditch the wooden skewers and serve them as they come, but putting them on sticks adds to the fun.

Makes 18-20 kofta or meatballs

Ingredients:
- 1 pound ground lamb
- 5 ounces dried apricots, finely chopped
- ½ cup fennel seeds, toasted and finely ground
- 2 large eggs
- 1 onion, minced in a food processor or very finely chopped
- 2 heaping teaspoons turmeric
- ½ small package (about ½ ounce) of dill, finely chopped, plus extra to garnish
- 2 heaping teaspoons flaky sea salt, crushed
- freshly ground black pepper
- vegetable oil

To serve
- 5 ounces Greek yogurt
- olive oil or lemon juice (optional)
- sweet tamarind sauce
- small handful of nigella seeds

Directions:
1. Heat a large skillet over medium heat (or high heat, if using an electric stove). If your pan isn't large enough to cook 18–20 kofta at once without overcrowding, preheat the oven to 325°F for keeping cooked batches warm.
2. Put all the kofta ingredients, except the oil, into a large mixing bowl and work the mixture, thoroughly using your hands. Really pummel the meat mixture and ensure the ingredients are evenly combined.
3. Drizzle into the hot skillet just enough oil to coat the base and allow it to heat up. Meanwhile, begin rolling your kofta – take a small amount of the meat mixture (about the size of a Ping-Pong ball) and roll it into a smooth ball, then place it in the skillet and fry for about 5–6 minutes on each side or until nicely browned and cooked through. Keep adding more and more balls as you make them, cooking in batches if necessary. Keep the cooked kofta warm in the oven on a baking sheet while you fry subsequent batches.
4. Season the yogurt with salt and pepper. If the yogurt is too thick for drizzling, thin it down a little using olive oil and 1 tablespoon water or lemon juice.
5. Arrange the kofta on a large platter and pour over a generous drizzle of the seasoned yogurt, followed by a drizzle of sweet tamarind sauce and a sprinkling of nigella seeds. Insert a wooden skewer into each meatball and serve.

RELAY FOR LIFE SUPPORTERS

KEEP CANCER RESEARCHERS ON TRACK

Clinical trials are improving the outlook for cancer patients

Modern medicine has made tremendous progress in the fight against cancer. Today, more than 60 per cent of Canadians diagnosed with cancer will survive the disease, compared with just 25 per cent in the 1940s.

All of these advances required comprehensive clinical trials. And the Canadian Cancer Society is the country's biggest charitable funder of clinical trials.

New treatments require thorough testing in patients before they're made widely available. Not all clinical trials are about drugs — some are focused on finding better ways to screen for and prevent cancer, as well as improving a patient's quality of life.

"Clinical trials are the cornerstone for improving cancer treatment," says Dr. Janet Dancey, Director of the Canadian Cancer Trials Group (CCTG), at Queen's University. Her team develops, runs and analyzes national and international trials of new cancer treatments, including disease prevention and supportive care.

The Canadian Cancer Society is CCTG's largest funder, explains Dancey: "Every one of the 40 to 60 trials currently testing new treatments is supported by those research funds."

DR. JANET DANCEY, LEFT, IS FIELDING A TEAM AT THIS YEAR'S RELAY FOR LIFE IN KINGSTON, ONT. CONTRIBUTED

This is where the charity's Relay For Life events play an essential role. Last year, 331 communities across Canada held Relay For Life events and raised $34 million. Participants who fundraise for the Relay For Life events and their donors are supporting clinical trials in communities all across Ontario and Canada. More than half of all children with cancer in Canada are part of a clinical trial.

"Pharmaceutical companies fund clinical trials for testing new cancer drugs, but major advances in treatments are often discovered by researchers looking at ways to more effectively use existing drugs," explains Dr. Katie Wright, the Canadian Cancer Society's Senior Manager of Research Communications.

"This is exactly the type of work that we support at CCTG. We make sure these researchers get the support they need."

For example, CCTG is currently conducting trials of Metformin — an inexpensive drug to treat type II diabetes — that may help treat breast cancer and prevent it from returning. If this clinical trial is successful, it could lead to a safe and low-cost treatment for early breast cancer.

Dancey and her colleagues are fielding the CCTG Trialblazers team in this year's Kingston Relay For Life, joining the thousands of Canadians across the country who are accepting the baton in the fight against cancer.

"I loved being part of the team effort to make a difference for people with cancer," she says.

Help make more breakthroughs happen by supporting Relay For Life events in your community. Visit **relayforlife.ca** to register.

From research to reality

Funding the future of cancer treatment

Behind every major advancement in cancer treatment is a history of meticulous clinical trials. Over the past 35 years, the Kingston, Ontario-based Canadian Cancer Trials Group (CCTG) has conducted almost 500 such trials. Successes include identifying new treatments for patients with breast, bowel, lung and brain cancers, as well as leukemia and lymphoma.

"The Canadian Cancer Society supports the Canadian Cancer Trials Group to improve treatments, find effective ways to prevent cancer or the return of cancer and to improve the quality of life for those living with the disease," says Dr. Katie Wright, Senior Manager of Research Communications for the Canadian Cancer Society.

Clinical trials go far beyond testing new drugs. One of CCTG's current trials is examining the benefits of exercise to see if adding a workout regime to a standard treatment plan can help prevent colon cancer from recurring.

"I am confident that my participation in this clinical trial will lead to a better understanding of cancer and help save more lives," says Lyle Southam, from Mississauga. "For me personally, the trial has had a huge positive impact on my overall fitness and health and has made me more optimistic about my future."

A recent international study, also supported by the Canadian Cancer Society, found that men with prostate cancer who took breaks from hormone therapy lived as long as those receiving continuous therapy. Not only does this intermittent treatment lower costs, it reduces side effects. These findings are changing the way doctors around the world approach hormone therapy for prostate-cancer patients.

LYLE SOUTHAM CONTRIBUTED

"I'll have prostate cancer for the rest of my life, so my quality of life has become a priority," says Jack Shore, from Port Colborne, Ont., who is benefiting from this new approach to treatment. "I'm thankful that the Canadian Cancer Society funds research that improves treatment options for patients like me."

JACK SHORE CONTRIBUTED

This important work is made possible by fundraising campaigns like Relay For Life. People of all ages and fitness levels can participate by forming or joining a team.

JOHANNA SCHNELLER **WHAT I'M WATCHING**

TV that embraces animal instincts

THE SHOW: Silicon Valley, Season 3, episode 2 (HBO)
THE MOMENT: The horse sex

Brilliant, meek Richard (Thomas Middleditch) invented genius software. But his company's board coldly replaced him as CEO with Jack (Stephen Tobolowsky), who is destroying everything cool about Richard's idea. Richard confronts Jack at a stable — while Jack calmly watches a squealing white stallion with a truly mammoth erection mount a mare. (The horse sex is real.)

Over wild stallion grunts, Richard pleads the case for his software: "People who have nothing could suddenly have access to everything. We could make the world a better place, and make billions of dollars."

The stallion noises drop out; music plays. "Richard, I don't think you understand what the product is," Jack says, smiling. "The product isn't your software."

"Is the product — me?" Richard asks shyly.

"Oh! God no!" Jack hoots. The music stops. The horses shriek. "The product is the stock. Maybe sometime in the future we can change the world. Now excuse me, I paid $150,000 for that stallion's semen, and I'd like to see it happen."

Thomas Middleditch in Silicon Valley Season 3.
CONTRIBUTED

It took me a while to warm to Silicon Valley, where everyone is hapless, voracious or both. I'm thrilled I stuck with it, because Richard's plight is so poignant: He achieved the goal we all dream of — invented something good, moved the needle in a positive way — but the universe craps on him anyway.

This scene dramatizes that magnificently, by setting Richard's royal screwing-over against the most alarming animal screwing you are likely to see. It's one of the most audacious juxtapositions I've witnessed on TV.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

ROSE REISMAN **THE SAVVY EATER**

THIS WEEK: Muffins

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Canadian cider rules

For centuries apples have been the base of thriving cider industries in just about every place that produces them except Canada.

While we may be late to the party, the variety of artisan ciders currently being created across our country has never been greater. From Nova Scotia's Bulwark to B.C.'s Lonetree, regional ciders are taking a bite out of their international competition. Ontario-made Brickworks Batch 1904 (473 ml, $3.10-$3.95) is a dry, English-style craft cider named to commemorate the Great Fire of Toronto, which happens to be Brickworks' hometown. It's a refreshing, apple-forward thirst-quencher.

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REVIEW

Sedan gets tweaked, maintains alpha status

Mike Goetz
For Metro Canada

If you're considering getting into a new family car soon, you don't need to fret too much about which vehicle to get. It's a golden age for intermediate sedans, with lots of no-brainer choices.

These vehicles have all grown in size to be quite substantial and roomy, and all have the on-road performance, comfort, and technological wizardry that was heretofore only available in the luxury ranks.

Honda Accord is one of those can't-go-wrong choices, and for model-year 2016, received a fairly robust "mid-cycle" refresh. As per the nature of these mid-cycle updates, you can't change too much on the outside, save for restyling front fascias and rear bumpers and their respective lighting elements. In Accord's case, those changes were accomplished with more LED lighting and sharper creases. But Honda went the extra mile on the Accord sedan, by also laying on a new weight saving and sculpted aluminum hood, which furthers the "sharp crease" theme. The overall effect, to these eyes at least, is one sharp looking sedan.

Also new is the display and auto interface, now with a standard seven-inch screen, which lets you swipe, tap and pinch, as you would on a tablet or Smartphone.

The touchscreen is paired with an upper screen, to help out with all the display work that needs to be done. Honda's passenger mirror mounted LaneWatch and rear-view cameras feed into this upper display, for example, as well as the text messages, turn by turn directions, and parking sensing alerts.

The interface is not immediately intuitive, but when we expect so much information at our fingertips, something has to give.

While the driver's seat felt comfy off the bat, it was less so over long trips, which found me squirming and fiddling with the seat adjustments many times.

Also part of the refresh was some stiffening of the chassis and shock absorbers, and commensurate changes in the suspension settings. The last Accord was absolutely fine on the road, and this one is a touch finer. This new Accord delivers a comfortable ride and confident handling.

Our test vehicle was a Touring trim, with the 185-hp 2.4-litre I4 and CVT. If you don't think you like CVTs, the automatic on Accord V6 is a traditional six-speed. But can't think of why you wouldn't get along with the 2.4-litre/CVT powertrain: more than enough power; very refined and efficient (9.1 L/100 km, City, 6.8 Highway); and the CVT actually feels quite lively and responsive, and somewhat un-CVT like.

So there's not much to dislike about the 2016 Honda Accord Sedan. An absolutely solid citizen in the intermediate sedan segment.

THE CHECKLIST | 2016 HONDA ACCORD

THE BASICS

- **Type.** Four-door, five-passenger, FWD, intermediate sedan
- **Power.** 185-hp 2.4-litre I4, 278-hp 3.5-litre V6
- **Transmission.** Six-speed manual, CVT automatic (I4 models), Six-speed automatic (V6 models)
- **Price.** Base $24,350 (plus destination)

COOL FEATURES

- Seven-inch Display Audio touchscreen with Apple CarPlay and Android Auto.
- Standard LED daytime running lights and taillights, optional LED fog lights.
- Honda Sensing safety suite

ACCORD IMAGES MIKE GOETZ/FOR METRO; ALL OTHERS HANDOUT

POINTS

- Current and ninth-generation model introduced in 2013. Received major mid-cycle engineering and styling refresh for MY 2016.
- Since 1982, built at Honda's facility in Marysville, Ohio.
- One of few intermediate sedans still available with a manual transmission.

MARKET POSITION

- Third best selling intermediate sedan in Canada in 2015, after Camry and Fusion.
- Not as sporty as Mazda6 and Fusion, but extremely competent all-rounder with high levels of refinement.
- Almost as big as one-size up models, like Impala and Maxima.

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General Motors tests hybrid pickups

IN BRIEF

Ford cuts off climate change denial group

Ford Motor Co. is among a growing number of U.S. corporations to distance itself from the climate change-denying "think-tank" the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC). The organization has worked behind the scenes for years to influence laws across the U.S., "often with a corporate-friendly intent," reports automotive news and information Web site Autoblog. ALEC is heavily funded by the billionaire Koch brothers, Charles and David, who have massive vested interests in coal and oil.

THE GREEN ANGLE

Metro's weekly picks for the latest in environmental news

LIMITED RELEASE

Silverado tested as hybrid

General Motors will offer a few hundred 2016 Chevrolet Silverado and GMC Sierra pickup trucks with its latest eAssist hybrid drive system, seeking feedback with a view to making it a permanent option. The numbers are small, notes alternate-vehicle site Green Car Reports: just 500 Silverados and 200 Sierras this year against North American sales of 530,000 and 212,000 respectively. The "mild" hybrid system is adapted to the 5.3-litre V8 that's core to the pickup line, rather than the four-cylinder engines it was previously used with in vehicles such as the Chevrolet Malibu. The addition of eAssist will cost buyers just $500 south of the border, although there's no word on what it will cost in Canada. The system increases the weight of the truck by about 45 kilograms and adds a 13-horsepower electric motor that assists acceleration in some driving situations.

RASA

New approach to H-cars

Welsh company Riversimple Movement Ltd. has unveiled the Rasa, a road-legal engineering prototype of its first two-seater hydrogen-powered car. It was designed to run on hydrogen and has different architecture than conventional cars. Riversimple wants to bring the Rasa to the European market first, by 2018, through its "sale of service" business model — customers will never actually buy the car.

EMISSIONS

EPA says it won't target racing

New regulatory language that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency could use to crack down on cars whose emissions systems have been modified for racing, won't be used for that purpose, the agency says. Modifying a normal passenger vehicle and its emission-control systems for racing is a violation of the Clean Air Act, but the agency says that's not an enforcement priority.

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Tesla approaches the 500 km mark

MODEL S SEDAN

First EV to get to this level on a single charge

The new Model S sedan in 90D specification has been given an official US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) rating of 488 kilometres on a single charge.

The refreshed car has a redesigned nose to reduce air resistance and therefore preserve battery life, but the biggest reason for the jump in range — the outgoing model achieved 476 km under EPA conditions — is a bigger 90kWh battery.

To put the figures into some sort of context, the Nissan Leaf, the Model S's closest competitor in terms of sales, has also just undergone a serious battery overhaul.

However, the heavily revised 30kWh battery car is only capable of travelling 250 km on a single charge and that figure is based on the New European Driving Cycle (NEDC) test.

News of the 2017 Tesla Model S's range record arrives as more car companies have started taking electric cars seriously. TESLA

News of Tesla's new range record arrives as more car companies have started taking electric cars seriously. Volvo has pledged to sell one million electrified cars (hybrid and full EV) before 2025.

"It is going to be a challenge, but Volvo wants to be at the forefront of this shift to electrification," said Håkan Samuelsson, president and chief executive of Volvo Cars.

On Wednesday, the German government announced plans to make electric cars popular and accessible via a €1 billion ($1.44 billion Canadian) scheme to subsidize the cost of buying EV cars, plus a €100 million ($144 million Canadian) fund for installing the requisite charging infrastructure.

However, as green as electric cars can be, a new study from Carnegie Mellon University shows that the level of environmental friendliness of a plug-in car depends largely on where a driver lives.

"Most electric vehicle buyers assume that they're helping the environment by purchasing an electric or hybrid vehicle, but there's more to it than simply making the purchase," said study co-author Jeremy Michalek, a Carnegie Mellon University professor of mechanical engineering, engineering and public policy.

> **In the rural regions of the colder, coal-heavy Midwest, electric vehicles are often higher emitting than comparable gasoline vehicles today**
>
> Jeremy Michalek, in explaining why EVs are cleaner in some regions than others

An electric car's "clean" factor will be determined by how electricity is produced in the region you live in.

"Electric vehicles offer the largest benefits for urban drivers in mild-climate regions with a clean electricity grid, such as San Francisco or Los Angeles," says Michalek.

"In the rural regions of the colder, coal-heavy Midwest, electric vehicles are often higher emitting than comparable gasoline vehicles today." AFP

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Leafs draftee Mitch Marner of the London Knights was named OHL most outstanding player after notching 39 goals and 77 assists in 57 games

Battle between Wright bros a dream come true

RAPTORS ROUND 2

Improbable odds overcome for siblings to play each other

Back in September, when Delon Wright was just about to dip his toe in the NBA for the first time, his brother Dorell wrote a heartfelt piece for The Players' Tribune.

In Letter to My Younger Brother, Dorell advised Delon on the ins and outs of the league, from money, to women, to card games on team flights ("run away from the card games.")

He talked about working hard, staying patient, and being ready when opportunity presents itself.

Dorell didn't envision that seven months down the road, the brothers — separated in age by six years — would square off in the second round of the NBA playoffs.

"It's going to be pretty weird, man," Dorell said on seeing Delon on the Raptors' bench. "He's a good kid, I'm just happy for him."

The odds of them meeting in the NBA post-season, or on any professional basketball court, had seemed slim to none. The 30-year-old Dorell, who was drafted by Miami 19th overall in 2004, had spent this season playing in China. That was one of his biggest regrets when he left the U.S., that he'd never have the chance to face his brother in an NBA game.

But then the Heat signed him for a second stint on April 16, and Delon started to dream about the possibility.

"It was really exciting," Delon said. "I still didn't think it was a chance because they were all tied at three, four and five (in the East standings). But then I looked at the bracket and they were the third seed. So I thought, 'Maybe there might be a chance if we both win.'"

Dorell Wright
GETTY IMAGES

They both did on Sunday. The Raptors knocked off Indiana in seven games in the opening round, while the Heat dispatched Charlotte.

Dorell played six seasons with the Heat before stints with Golden State, Philadelphia and Portland. Delon, meanwhile, was the Raptors' 20th pick in last summer's NBA draft.

Delon was actually the bigger Heat fan growing up. He was — and still is — a huge fan of Dwyane Wade.

Because of the big brother connection, Wade has been a mentor for Delon for years.

"And not me asking him to do it, that's just the type of person D. Wade is," Dorell said.

"Except for this series, I'm still a Heat fan," Delon said. "I love D. Wade, he's my favourite player."

Delon played in 27 Raptors games in the regular-season, spending most of the year with the team's D-League squad Raptors 905. He averaged 2.5 minutes in four appearances in the Raptors' opening round against Indiana.

But Dorell, who counts Raptors all-stars Kyle Lowry and DeMar DeRozan among his friends, believes his brother is in great hands in Toronto.

"Obviously you want to see him out there playing a lot more, I'm pretty sure he wants to too, but that's the one thing about having a bigger brother that's been through the process," Dorell said. "I just tell him to be patient, learn from those guys.

"When his opportunity is upon him, I think he's going to take full advantage of it."

THE CANADIAN PRESS

The Raptors selected guard Delon Wright 20th overall in last year's draft.
STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

IN BRIEF

Raps set Game 7 standard

The Raptors are getting more attention from TV viewers, but are still struggling to compete with hockey.

Sportsnet says the Raps' Game 7 win over the Pacers had an average audience of 1.53 million viewers Sunday, making it the most-watched Raptors game ever in Canada. Still, they were outdrawn by Saturday's NHL draft lottery, which drew 1.57 million. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bolts take down Isles in OT

Brian Boyle scored at 2:48 of overtime to lift the Tampa Bay Lightning to a 5-4 victory over the New York Islanders on Tuesday night for a 2-1 lead in their second-round series.

Nikita Kucherov tied it in the final minute of regulation and Ben Bishop stopped 35 shots.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Nylander among trio of hurting Marlies

The Toronto Marlies may be without centre William Nylander, forward Nikita Soshnikov and defenceman Andrew Campbell for Game 1 of their second-round AHL series against the Albany Devils on Wednesday.

Nylander, the team's top centre, missed practice with an undisclosed ailment. Soshnikov and Campbell are nursing injuries suffered during the Marlies first-round sweep of Bridgeport.

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Gabi and Antoine Griezmann celebrate on Tuesday in Munich. MATTHIAS HANGST/BONGARTS/GETTY IMAGES

Bayern swept away

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Griezmann's goal in Munich enough to send Madrid through

A goal from Antoine Griezmann sent Atletico Madrid to the Champions League final for the second time in three seasons despite a 2-1 defeat at Bayern Munich on Tuesday.

Atletico, which lost to city rival Real Madrid in the 2014 final, progressed on the away goals rule with an aggregate score of 2-2 after winning the first leg in Madrid 1-0.

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Atletico striker Fernando Torres had the chance to settle it with a late penalty, only for Manuel Neuer to save his spot kick.

Torres wasn't the only one to miss from the spot. Atletico's Jan Oblak saved a penalty from Thomas Mueller in the first half, minutes after Xabi Alonso levelled the tie with a free kick in the 31st.

Griezmann scored in the 54th to put Atletico in the driver's seat, before Robert Lewandowski headed Bayern back in front on the night in the 74th to set up a furious finale.

Bayern needed one more goal to avoid going out at the semifinal stage for the third straight season to a Spanish team and poured everything forward — only to be denied by Oblak and his defenders.

"We're into the final. We can be proud and happy," Oblak said.

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IN BRIEF

Ronaldo ready to return

Real Madrid will be boosted by Cristiano Ronaldo's return and the likely absence of Yaya Toure and David Silva for Manchester City when it tries to reach yet another Champions League final on Wednesday.

Ronaldo returns after missing three straight games because of a leg injury, including the 0-0 first-leg draw in Manchester last week. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cristiano Ronaldo GETTY IMAGES

Pirates sunk by Arrieta again

Jake Arrieta dominated the Pittsburgh Pirates yet again, scattering two hits in seven shutout innings as the Chicago Cubs defeated the Pittsburgh Pirates 7-1 on Tuesday night.

Seven months after shutting the Pirates down in the NL wild-card playoff, Arrieta allowed only singles to Sean Rodriguez and Francisco Cervelli. Arrieta (6-0) struck out five and walked two while lowering his ERA to 0.84. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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For Metro Canada

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Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 15 minutes

Ingredients
- 1 lb (450 g) orecchiette
- 4 cups of broccoli florets, cut them quite small
- 3 Tbsp olive oil
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 tsp fennel seeds or fresh thyme
- 1/2 tsp crushed dried chilis (optional)
- 1 lb ground turkey
- 1 cup chicken stock
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese

Directions

1. Put a big pot of salted water on to boil and cook the pasta according to package instructions.

2. Warm your olive oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add the garlic, onion, fennel seeds or thyme and chilis and cook for about three minutes. Add the turkey and cook for another five minutes, until the meat is browned and almost cooked through.

3. Carefully add your broccoli to the cooking pasta two minutes before the pasta will be done. Drain the pasta and broccoli and then add them to the skillet.

4. Toss everything together well. Add the stock and toss more. Taste and check seasoning. Serve in a big bowl with a healthy sprinkle of Parmesan on top.

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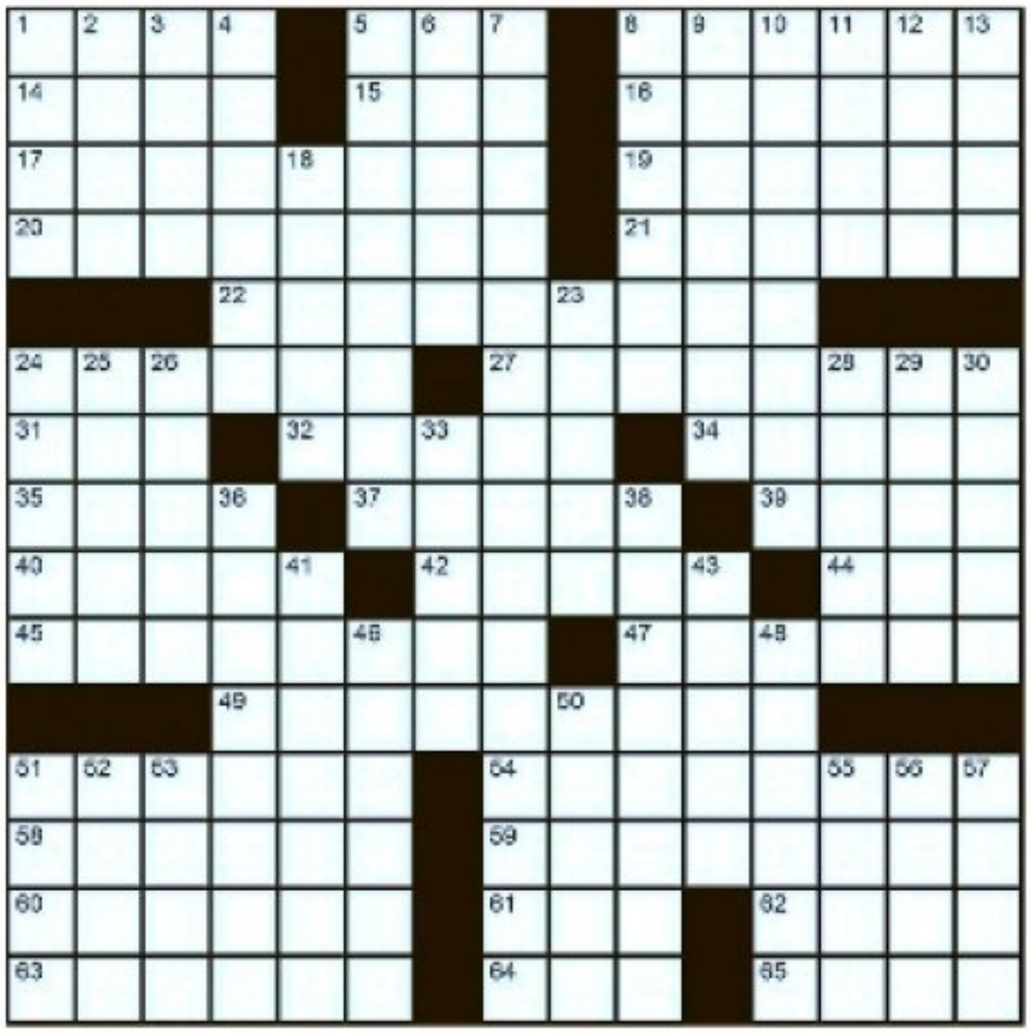

ACROSS
1. _ Tavern (Hang-out on FOX cartoon "The Simpsons")
5. Tiny total
8. Jostles someone in the queue
14. _ and for all (Finally)
15. Old French coin
16. From Eternity connecter (1953 film): 2 wds.
17. So sooo tense... Moving day or job change, for example
19. Angle measurement unit
20. Toronto's locale, _ Ontario
21. Wickedly
22. New show on HGTV Canada featuring all the big stars from the network: 3 wds.
24. Brilliant
27. Hit for Canadian singer Kiesza
31. Three
32. Ms. DeGeneres
34. Apple pie serving
35. Slangy one-eighty turns
37. Inners in eggs
39. Greek portico
40. Johann Sebastian's classical surnamesakes
42. Central meanings
44. Many mins.
45. Farley, for one, in Canadian comic strip For Better or For Worse
47. Take back a statement
49. Ranger's nature danger worry: 2 wds.
51. Corral: 2 wds.
54. Insensitive
58. Holding: 2 wds.
59. Observes the meeting: 3 wds.
60. Mr. Clooney
61. City in Florida, for short
62. Three squared
63. "_ Pointe Blank" (1997) starring John Cusack
64. Napoleonic Wars marshal
65. Border

DOWN
1. _ Park (Toronto neighbourhood)
2. "Hang _ _ Your Life" by The Guess Who
3. Beige
4. Boil under the collar
5. Some _ Required (Furniture-in-a-box notice)
6. Actress Demi
7. Hit for Canadian band Big Sugar: 4 wds.
8. Astute
9. Villains in movies
10. Spots in number sequences
11. Bridal accessory
12. And others, for short: 2 wds.
13. TV brand
18. Beach
23. Moos, cluck-clucks, baas ...and what other farm sounds?
24. Ticket remnants
25. "Easy Livin'" by _ Heep
26. Fragment
28. "Die Hard: _ _ Vengeance" (1995)
29. Squirrel's snack
30. Brewer's _
33. Brand/business symbols
36. Mothers to forest cubs, say: 2 wds.
38. Stringently
41. Leaps
43. Works by Spain's famous single-named muralist
46. "Crocodile _" (1986)
48. Canadian singer Ms. Dion
50. Laissez-_
51. Diana of "The Avengers"
52. Singleton
53. "Bah!"
55. Barenaked Ladies tune
56. Tune
57. Snick-or-_

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
This afternoon is an excellent time for business and commerce. Trust your moneymaking ideas. Business-related travel is likely. Enjoy!

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Today gets better as it wears on. By this afternoon, you feel upbeat and keen to socialize. Because you are so positive, people will enjoy your company.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Today you have an overall sense of well-being. In turn, this might prompt you to do a good deed for someone or practice a kindness.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
This is a wonderful, popular day! Group activities will be successful this afternoon and this evening. A friend might help you with domestic or family activity.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
It's easy to make a great impression on bosses, parents and VIPs today, especially in the afternoon. (Because others are so impressed with you, use this time to ask for what you want.)

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
After midday, it's a great time to make travel plans for the future. It's also a profitable time to explore publishing, the media, medicine and the law. Just do it!

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
This is a curious day. Do nothing this morning; however, the afternoon is an excellent time to settle disputes about shared property. It's also a good time to discuss inheritances or get a loan or a mortgage.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Relations with others are warm and friendly today! Enjoy schmoozing with partners and close friends, especially later in the day.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Things will go well at work today. Relations with co-workers are positive, in addition to which, you will enjoy work-related travel later in the day.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
New love might occur for some of you today. All of you will have a fun-loving day, especially in the afternoon and evening. Enjoy sports events, playful times with children and the arts.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
This is an excellent day for real-estate deals if you wait until after the noon hour. Anytime in the afternoon and evening are profitable times for family gatherings.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
This is a happy day for you simply because you're in a positive frame of mind. Well, everything starts with a thought, doesn't it?

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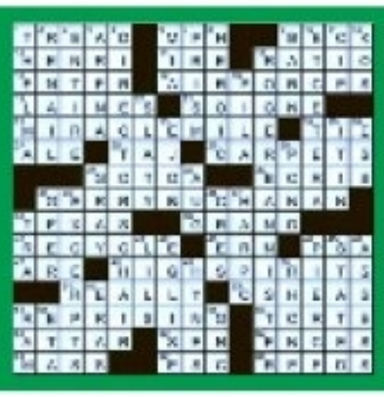

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